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SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" കഴിഞ്ഞ മൂന്നു കൊല്ലമായിട്ട് പുനംകൃഷിക്കാരുടെ പേരിൽ കേസുകൾ നിലവിലുണ്ടു്. കൊല്ലംതോറും കൃഷിക്കാർ പുനം കത്തും, ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു കേസ്സെടുക്കും, അതാണ് നടന്നുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു് ഇനിയെങ്കിലും ഈ കേസുകൾ അവസാനിപ്പിക്കാൻ മുതിരുമോ ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In the course of the last two years there have been 20 cases of illegal felling of trees and trespass into the forest area. I do not think Government can tolerate this sort of action being committed whoever may be the party concerned."

8-40 a.m. SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" സ്വകാര്യവന സംരക്ഷണനിയമത്തിലെ ചില വകുപ്പുകൾ ഭേദഗതിചെയ്തു് വളരെക്കാലമായി പുനം കൃഷി ചെയ്തുവന്നിരുന്ന കൃഷിക്കാരെ പുനംകത്താൻ അനുവദിക്കുന്നതാണെന്ന് വ്യവസ്ഥചെയ്തിട്ടും പുനംകൃഷിക്കാരെ തടസ്സ ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ഏർപ്പാട് ഇനിയെങ്കിലും അവസാനിപ്പിക്കുമോ ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, unless lawful grants are made, nobody should enter the land and if anybody does so, it will be trespass. People cannot be allowed to take the law into their own hands."

Second Language Test for officers of Commercial Tax Department.

* 1466 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) with reference to clause (e) of the answer to Question No. 150, given on 15th March 1954, whether the necessary amendments to the Service Rules regarding second language test have been issued in respect of the Madras Commercial Taxes Service and the Madras Commercial Tax Subordinate Service; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) & (b) The Special Rules for the Madras Commercial Taxes Subordinate Service have been suitably amended by prescribing Tamil only for the second language test and deleting Telugu. As regards the Special Rules for the Madras Commercial Taxes Service the amendments are still under examination."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, is it an obligation upon all Malayalees to pass the Tamil Test and is it that the *vice versa* does not hold good? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, Tamil is now the principal language of the State. Formerly, both Tamil and Telugu were prescribed. Now, an officer is expected to know two languages; but if one language is his mother tongue he need not pass a test in that language, for it is enough if he has ordinary proficiency in that language."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, are Government aware that there are hundreds of Malayalee merchants who can and are maintaining their accounts in Malayalam also in the City

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of Madras itself and will the Government see that when a rule is prescribed by the Government it is applicable to all the employees equally?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir. Rules are equally applicable to all."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I will clarify, Sir. It seems that the Hon. Minister was not in a position to understand my question. There are some Malayalee merchants who are keeping accounts in Malayalam even in the City of Madras. These Commercial Officers are expected to verify these accounts. If it is not properly verified, the revenue of the Government will be lessened. Therefore, is it not good that even the officers who know only Tamil are required to know Malayalam also, as prescribed by rules? Therefore I ask the Government whether they will see that these employees pass the two languages?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The Government will look into it."

Drinking water wells for Harijans.

* 1467 *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have revised their policy by withdrawing the order exempting the Harijans from the payment of 25 per cent of the cost of construction of drinking water-supply works for them;

(*b*) how many water wells were sunk in the South Arcot district for Harijans in 1954; and

(*c*) how many wells will be completed before the end of March 1955?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No. Sir.

" (*b*) Twenty-four wells have been sunk in the South Arcot district for the use of Harijans in 1954.

" (*c*) Of 139 well works in progress, 25 are likely to be completed before the end of March 1955."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, we are told that 50 per cent of the funds provided under the local board schemes are to meet the rural water-supply schemes. Are the wells intended for Harijans to be met from this or are there separate funds provided?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the wells are meant for all people."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In the matter of Hill Tribes living up the hills and mountains, the maximum amount allotted for expenditure on a well, namely, Rs. 500 or thereabouts is altogether inadequate. For, the wells have to be deep and the